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Mark Henry SHIPTON et al.

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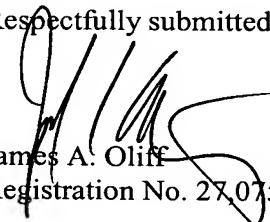
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	3	WO 94/18359	08/18/1994	WIPO		
	4	EP 1 079 002 A1	02/28/2001	Europe		
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	6	UK 781,594	08/21/1957	United Kingdom		
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)						
	7	"A Metallic Article Having A Protective Coating and A Method Of Producing A Metallic Article Having A Protective Coating" pp 1-21				
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